

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Confirmation No.: 3752
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Serial No: 10/556,934)	Examiner: Micali, Joseph
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National Phase Filed: November 16, 2005)	

For: PRECIPITATED CALCIUM CARBONATE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME AND FILLER FOR LOADING PAPER USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

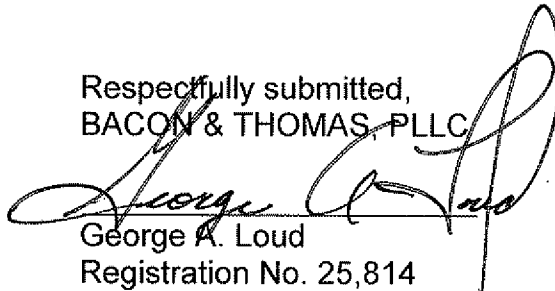
Responsive to the notice dated September 15, 2009, applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 3, 4, 8 and 9)(and claim 5).

Applicants admit that the claims of group III are not patentably distinct from the claims of Group I and, accordingly, joinder of the claims of Group III with the elected claims of Group I is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that claim 5 was not included in any of the Examiner's groupings. It is respectfully submitted that claim 5 should be included in Group I.

Beyond reserving the right to rejoin method claim 2 as explained by the Examiner in section 6 of the office action, the restriction between Groups I and II is not traversed.

Respectfully submitted,
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